

As I understand, the licensing for Satellite Radio spells out that they aren't allowed to broadcast local content. If that is the case, this is the beginning of the problem. Why on earth is the NAB being protected from competition by the federal government? Local radio is garbage, the big communications companies have been allowed to ruin smaller market radio by owning too many stations, variety is gone! Satellite radio should be afforded all the same freedoms as broadcast radio. I don't even live in an area served by XM's traffic and weather, so I can't even use that part of the service but I feel they should be allowed to provide it. Satellite TV can provide local content, so what's the difference? The difference is the NAB feels threatened and is doing everything they can to damage consumer choice to protect their investment. I will never go back to local radio, in fact, I've removed the antenna from my vehicle!